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1. EVIDENCE OF WHAT THE LATE PROFESSOR PHILLIP MOSELY TERMED "THE TREASURING OF GRIEVANCES WITHIN A CYCLE OF NEGOTIATION" IS CONTAINED IN LENGTHY ARTICLE THAT APPEARED HERE ON HELSINKI AND "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION" IN LITERATUREN FRONT, SIGNED ILKO GEORGIEV.

2. AFTER RECITING STANDARD COMPLAINT (WITH COPIOUS STATISTICS) THAT WEST HAS NOT GIVEN SUFFICIENT PUBLICITY TO ACTUAL TEXT OF HELSINKI DOCUMENT, GEORGIEV TACKLES WESTERN ACCUSATIONS THAT "SOCIALIST COMMUNITY" HAS NOT IMPLEMENTED FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PORTIONS OF BASKET THREE. OF COURSE, GEORGIEV SAYS, COOPERATION
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IN HUMANITARIAN AND

OTHER FIELDS AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE DO NOT MEAN THAT THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE IS TO BE INTERRUPTED. (THUS IT IS NATURAL THAT) WESTERN REACTIONARIES TRY BY ALL POSSIBLE MEANS TO UTILIZE THE CONCEPT OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION TO FURTHER THEIR AIMS WHICH ARE DIRECTED AGAINST A REDUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS. (IN OTHER WORDS, THE SLOGAN OF "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION" IS THE WESTERN WEAPON, NOT ILLEGITIMATE IN ITSELF, WHICH CORRESPONDS TO COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA WEAPONS IN THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE. ONLY, IT MUST NOT BE UNDERSTOOD AS A CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF HELSINKI, BUT RATHER AS AN EXPLOITATION OF HELSINKI TO JUSTIFY UNDERMINING DETENTE.)

3. IDEA OF "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION" IS NOT NEW, SAYS GEORGIEV. IT GOES BACK TO INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS IN 1945 WHEN US DELEGATION LAUNCHED THAT SLOGAN. "THE PURPOSES OF IMPERIALIST PROPAGANDA ARE ALWAYS THE SAME, 'FREEDOM OF INFORMATION' IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ("ASSIMILATED TO") ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, VIOLATION OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

4. CIA AND NATO, BOTH CONTROLLED BY AMERICAN BIG CAPITAL, UTILIZE THE IDEA OF "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION" TO FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THEIR BOSSES THROUGH THE BROADCASTS OF RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE. EFFORTS TO CONCEAL THE CIA CONNECTION ARE RIDICULOUS. THE CONGRESS OF THE US, THE NOMINAL FUNDER OF RFE/RL, IS THUS A FRONT FOR THE CIA, WHICH ITSELF IS A FRONT FOR THE CAPITALISTIC WIRE-PULLERS. ALL OF THESE REACTIONARY ELEMENTS WANT TO KEEP ALIVE THE COLD WAR WHICH SERVES THEIR (MONEY-GRUBBING) INTERESTS. SO THESE INSTITUTIONS CALL FOR FREE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION BECAUSE IN THEIR UNBRIDLED AMBITION THEY WISH TO CONTROL THAT INFORMATION FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY QUOTATIONS BY ALLEN DULLES AND WILLIAM COLBY.

5. "THE QUESTION OF FREE INFORMATION, RAISED BY WESTERN POLITICIANS, INSTITUTIONS AND MASS MEDIA, CAN THUS BE UNDERSTOOD AS THE SEEKING OF NEW THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL

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POSSIBILITIES TO PENETRATE THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY IDEOLOGICALLY FOR PURPOSE OF INTERNAL 'LIBERALIZATION' OF THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM.... ALL THE THEORIES AND (OTHER ACTIVITIES OF) WESTERN THEORETICIANS CAN THUS BE REDUCED TO THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING ACCESS FOR THE SUBVERSION OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES."

6. SO WHEN WESTERNERS SPEAK OF A FREE EXCHANGE OF INFOR-

MATION, IT CAN BE SEEN AS SERVING THEIR PURPOSE OF EROSION OF THE "SOCIALIST COMMUNITY", ANTI-COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, AND ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA. AND EVERY DEFENSIVE MEASURE OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AGAINST SUCH "FREE INFORMATION" IS ACCOMPANIED BY OUTCRIES OF THE WESTERN MASS MEDIA AND ACCUSATIONS THAT THE SOCIALIST STATES HAVE AGAIN ROLLED DOWN AN "IRON CURTAIN" TO KEEP OUT WESTERN CULTURE. (NO MENTION IN THIS ARTICLE AS TO WHETHER INFORMATION ACCESS IS REQUIRED BY HELSINKI.)

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7. BUT THE REALITY IS QUITE DIFFERENT, SAYS GEORGIEV. HE CITES BREZHNEV AT HELSINKI, CLAIMING THAT THE WEST TALKS A LOT ABOUT ITS SPIRITUAL VALUES BUT HAS NONE TO OFFER IN PRACTICE, AND THAT "IN GENERAL THE PEOPLE OF THE SOCIALIST STATES ARE MUCH BETTER INFORMED ABOUT LIFE IN THE WEST THAN THE WORKERS OF THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES

ARE INFORMED ABOUT SOCIALIST REALITY. AND TO WEAKEN THE ATTRACTIVE POWER OF SOCIALISM AND TO BLACKEN IT, BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDA HAS INVENTED THE MYTH OF A 'CLOSED SOCIETY.'"

8. GEORGIEV THEN THROWS IN STANDARD SOVIET TOURISM/VISA REQUIREMENT. "THE FACTS SHOW" THAT IN 1975 CEMA COUNTRIES WERE VISITED BY MORE THAN 58 MILLION FOREIGNERS, WHEREAS MANY INSTANCES COULD BE CITED OF WESTERN COUNTRIES REFUSING VISAS TO DELEGATIONS, TO SCIENTISTS, TO JOURNALISTS
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AND TO GUESTS OF (COMING FROM) SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THUS THE TRUTH OF THE ARGUMENT ABOUT "CLOSED SOCIETIES" IS THAT IT IS A SLOGAN OF BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDA WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO BREAK DOWN OUR FRONTIERS WHILE KEEPING THEIRS INTACT.

9. BUT THE FRONTIERS OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, GEORGIEV CONCLUDES IN AN IRRELEVANT PERORATION, HAVE WITHSTOOD THE COLD WAR, THE SENDING OF SPIES, BANDITS, ESPIONAGE BALLOONS AND PLANES, ECONOMIC BLOCKADES AND POLITICAL BLOCKADES, MILITARY INTERFERENCE, COUPS D'ETAT, COUNTER-REVOLUTIONS, AND TERROR. THE CAPITALISTS COME UP WITH EVER-NEW CONCEPTIONS RANGING FROM ROLLBACK TO IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION, BUT THE MIGHTY RED ARMY, ETC. ETC. AND THE SUPERIOR HUMANITY OF MARXISM-LENINISM, ETC. ETC.

10. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY MUCH OF GEORGIEV'S PIECE IS MADE UP OF WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A RE-HASH OF SOVIET CLICHES. BUT CENTRAL PORTION (PARAS 2-6, ABOVE), IN WHICH HE ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH CHARGE THAT BLOC IS NOT FULFILLING INFORMATIONAL ACCESS REQUIREMENTS OF BASKET THREE, INTRODUCES ARGUMENTATION WE HERE HAVE NOT SEEN BEFORE. ESSENTIALLY HIS COUNTER-ARGUMENT STANDS OR FALLS WITH ACCEPTANCE OF THE IDEA THAT THE COMMUNIST REGIMES HAVE THE RIGHT AND DUTY TO PROTECT THEIR PEOPLE FROM BEING CORRUPTED BY THE INSIDIOUS POISON OF THE WEST -- REGARDLESS OF OBLIGATIONS ASSUMED AT HELSINKI. WE DOUBT THAT THIS IDEA WILL WASH WITH MANY HERE, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE INTELLIGENTSIA (THE READERSHIP OF LITERATURE FRONT) WHO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE MISSING.
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